THIS IS CHANGING THE SUBJECT, BUT...
...YOU AND MORI-SAN... AND ARAKAWA-SAN TOO, COME TO THINK OF IT—WHAT'S YOUR RELATION-SHIP?
I JUST ASSUMED THAT MORI-SAN WAS YOUR BOSS.
NOW WHY WOULD YOU HAVE AS-SUMED THAT?
DO YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEM WITH THE AGENCY?
WE'RE ALL COL-LEAGUES WITH THE SAME GOAL.
AS SUCH, WE DON'T HAVE A HIERARCHY.

AH, THERE IS ONE OTHER THING.
THIS IS A TRIVIAL MATTER, BUT...
...IT'S ABOUT THE FLOWER THAT YASUMI BROUGHT TO DECORATE THE ROOM.
IT TURNS OUT IT'S A COMPLETELY NEW SPECIES.
SHE KEPT HER PROMISE.
SHE WAS TOLD TO BRING SOMETHING INTERESTING TO THE BRIGADE
YES!!!
I HOPE WE CAN MEET HER AGAIN SOMEHOW.
DESPITE BEING HARUHI'S ALTER EGO, SHE MIGHT JUST BE A LITTLE MORE CHARMING THAN THE ORIGINAL.
AH, BUT I SUPPOSE IT'S A BIT RUDE TO SAY SO.
HA HA ...

FROM NOW ON, THIS IS OUR CLUB ROOM!
THE SOS BRIGADE!
SAVE THE WORLD BY OVERLOADING IT WITH FUN, HARUHI SUZUMIYA BRIGADE!
ONE YEAR SINCE THEN.
HOW MANY OTHER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS COULD THERE BE, NATIONWIDE...
...WHOSE YEAR HAD BEEN AS UNBELIEVABLE AS MINE?

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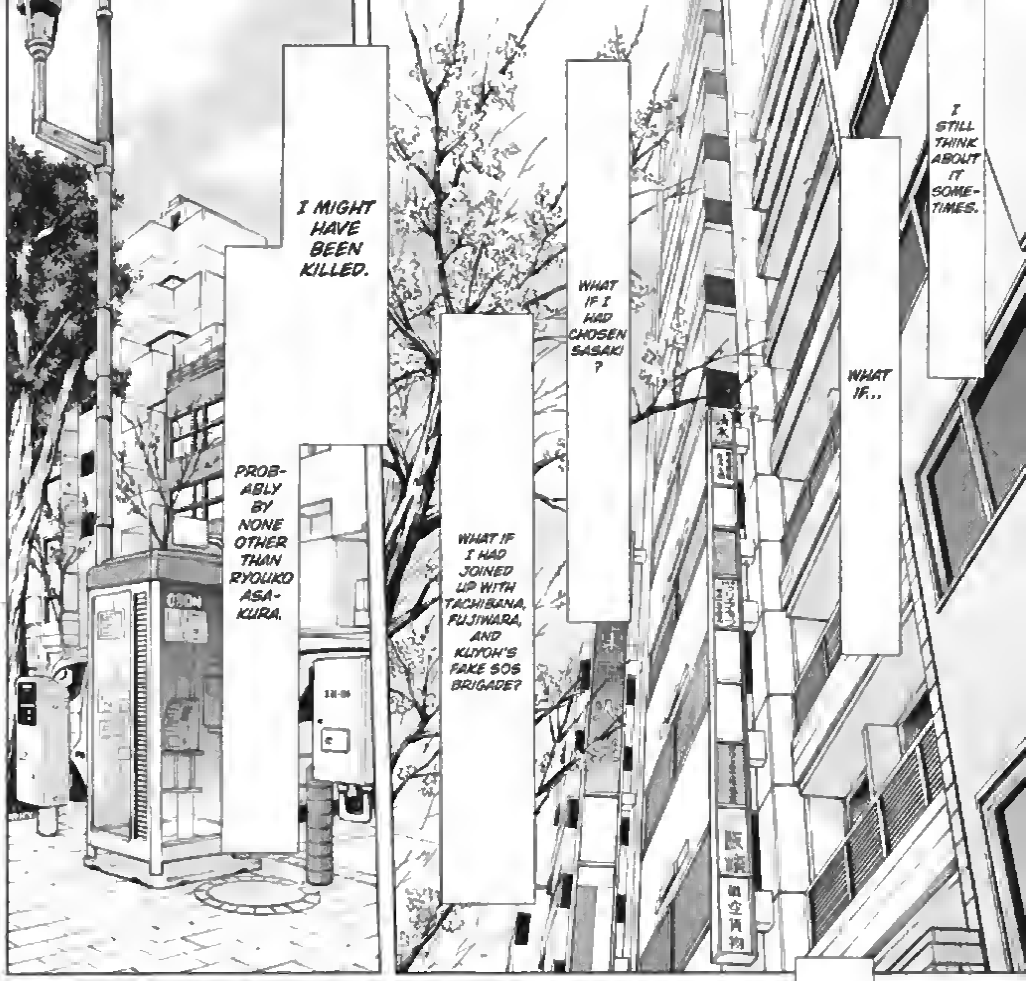
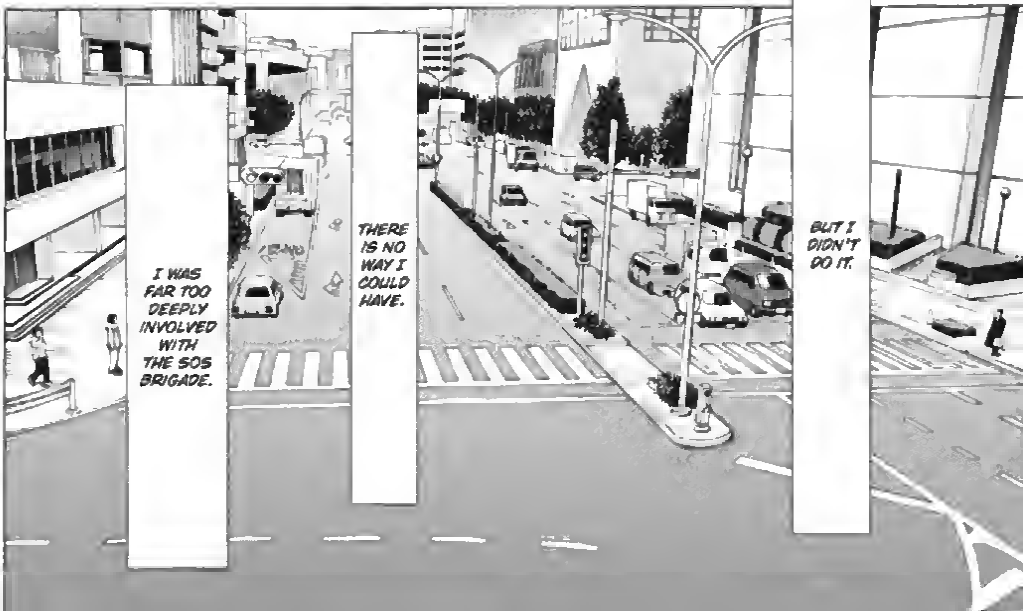
THE DAYS of SIGH KINDS


I MIGHT HAVE BEEN KILLED.
PROBABLY BY NONE OTHER THAN RYOUKO ASAKURA.
WHAT IF I HAD JOINED UP WITH TACHIBANA, FUJIWARA, AND KUYOH'S FAKE SOS BRIGADE?
WHAT IF I HAD CHOSEN SASAKI?
WHAT IF...
I STILL THINK ABOUT IT SOMETIMES.


I WAS FAR TOO DEEPLY INVOLVED WITH THE SOS BRIGADE.
THERE IS NO WAY I COULD HAVE.
BUT I DIDN'T DO IT.

I DIDN'T FEEL LIKE ASKING SOME OTHER UNSPECIFIED PERSON.
I WANTED TO STAY LIKE THIS. AND I'M SURE THE OTHERS FELT THE SAME WAY.
SO I WAS GOING TO GO ON LIKE THIS.
AS FAR AS I WANTED TO.
WE WOULD JUMP OVER AS MANY BENT RAILS AS WE HAD TO.
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WE'D BUILD OUR OWN TRACKS AS WE WENT...
...ON UNTIL THE END OF TIME.

HEY, KYON.
HEY, SASAKI.
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT COME HERE.
I HEARD MOST OF THE DETAILS FROM TACHIBANA-SAN.
I FEEL BAD FOR FUJIWARA, BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE THINGS WORKED OUT ALL RIGHT.
FOR ME TOO.
I'VE BEEN RELEASED FROM GOD DUTY APPARENTLY.

THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK YOU.
WHEN YOU CAME TO MY HOUSE, YOU SAID THERE WAS ANOTHER REASON FOR IT.
WHAT WAS IT?
OH, THAT?
IT HAPPENED ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO... SOMEONE CONFESSED THEIR FEELINGS FOR ME.
!?
THAT'S QUITE A REACTION.

IT WAS A BOY FROM MY SCHOOL.
I COULDN'T HELP BUT FEEL LIKE, WOW, THERE'S NO ACCOUNTING FOR TASTE.
I STILL HAVEN'T GIVEN HIM A PROPER REPLY.

IN OTHER WORDS, I CAME FOR ADVICE ON MY LOVE LIFE.
SURPRISING, EH?
...YEAH, KINDA.

SORRY I CAN'T BE OF MUCH USE.
IT'S FINE.
I DECIDED THAT IT REALLY WAS THE SORT OF PROBLEM I NEEDED TO SOLVE MYSELF.
I DIDN'T WANT TO ADD ANY MORE NOISE TO YOUR LIFE.
SA-SAKI.
SUZU-MIYA-SAN AND I WENT TO THE SAME ELE-MEN-TARY SCHOOL.
WE WERE ALWAYS IN DIFFERENT CLASSES, BUT EVEN I COULD TELL HOW MUCH SHE STOOD OUT.
SHE WAS LIKE THE SUN.
EVEN IN A DIFFERENT CLASS, I COULD FEEL THE LIGHT SHE GAVE OFF.
I NEVER KNEW THAT.

WHEN IT TURNED OUT WE WERE GOING TO DIFFERENT MIDDLE SCHOOLS, I FELT KIND OF CONFLICTED ABOUT IT.
LONELY, BUT ALSO RELIEVED ...
IF YOU STARE AT THE SUN TOO LONG, YOU'LL HURT YOUR EYES.
BUT IF THE SUN DISAPPEARS, WE LOSE THE WARMTH OF ITS LIGHT.
DOES THAT MAKE SENSE, KYON?
THANKS TO SOME FAMILY ISSUES, MY LAST NAME CHANGED.
SO SUZUMIYA DIDN'T RECOGNIZE ME WHEN YOU INTRODUCED US.
I'D GROWN MY HAIR OUT TO TRY TO LOOK MORE LIKE HER, BUT THEN I CUT IT.
THAT'S FOR THE BEST, THOUGH.
IF SHE'D RECOGNIZED ME NOW, I FEEL LIKE IT WOULD JUST HAVE MADE ME SELF-CONSCIOUS.

THIS PARTICULAR CONFESSION IS PRETTY EMBARRASSING FOR ME.
SO KEEP IT A SECRET, WOULD YOU?
I HAD NO IDEA.
IN THE END, I'M ONLY AWARE OF THE RELATION-SHIPS IN MY IMMEDIATE SURROUND-INGS.
THERE'S NO WAY FOR ME TO EVER RECOGNIZE SUCH UNKNOWABLE THINGS AS REAL.
IN-DEED.
IT'S TRUE THAT AS HUMANS, OUR KNOWLEDGE IS FINITE.
WHAT EXISTS AT THE EDGE OF THE UNIVERSE ...
WHAT'S BEYOND THE COSMOS ...
WHAT THE UNIVERSE IS IN THE FIRST PLACE...

SO LONG AS THERE'S A LIFE FORM SOMEWHERE TO OBSERVE THIS WORLD...
...THEN WE COULD CALL THAT BEING A GOD.
THAT IS WHAT I THINK —
BUT JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN'T RECOGNIZE SOMETHING DOESN'T MEAN THE ANSWER DOESN'T EXIST.
THERE'S A 0% CHANCE.
...BUT I KNOW YOU'D NEVER WISH FOR THAT.
OR SO I'D SAY...
IF YOU LIKE, KYON, I'LL STAND IN FOR SUZUMIYA-SAN WHENEVER YOU WANT.

SHE REALLY WAS ALWAYS RIGHT.
AND IN THE END, I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING.
DOING ANYTHING ON A COSMIC SCALE WAS ASKING FOR TROUBLE.
I'M REALLY NOT CUT OUT FOR THIS GOD STUFF.
WEREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO SAID INACTION WAS A VIRTUE?
I DIDN'T WANT TO JUST BECOME A SIMPLE BAD GUY.
YEAH.
I CAN'T BE ANYONE BESIDES ME.
NO ONE CAN PRETEND TO BE SUZUMIYA-SAN.
THERE'S NO ROOM FOR CONSCIOUS INTERVENTION.
NO MATTER HOW WISE OR CAPABLE YOU ARE.

YOU'VE GOTTEN PRETTY FAR AWAY FROM TALKING ABOUT THE CONFESSION.
APOLOGIES. I'LL BE DONE SOON.
YOU SEEM TO HAVE STEADILY INCREASED THE NUMBER OF LOVELY FRIENDSHIPS YOU ENJOY AND DISCOVERED QUITE A BIT OF HAPPINESS THERE.
I DIDN'T REALLY DO THAT WILLINGLY. BUT...
BUT I'VE BEEN THINKING ...
...I OUGHT TO FOCUS ON MY STUDIES.
I REALLY DON'T HAVE THE LUXURY OF SLACKING THROUGH MY CLASSES THE WAY WE DID IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.
THEY'RE NOT EVEN PAYING MUCH ATTENTION TO HOW I TALK.
IT JUST GETS VAGUELY IGNORED.
SO I GUESS HITTING A WALL IS ABOUT ALL I CAN EXPECT.

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO EVER TREATED ME NORMALLY
THAT'S WHY I FOUND YOUR COMPANY SO AGREE-ABLE.

THAT'S WHY, KYON...

YOU JUST KEPT YOUR DISTANCE BUT ALSO PAID ATTENTION TO ME...
YOU MIGHT'VE WANTED TO SAY SOME-THING, BUT YOU NEVER DID.
OUR LUNCHES TOGETHER WERE MORE PRECIOUS TO ME THAN ANY-THING.

GOSH, IT REALLY SOUNDS LIKE I'M CONFESSING TO YOU, DOESN'T IT?
HA-HA...
IT WASN'T MY INTENTION TO BE MISUNDERSTOOD, THOUGH.
NO ONE'S GETTING THE WRONG IDEA.
ANYBODY MISUNDERSTANDING HAS SOMETHING SCREWY WITH THEM.
THAT'S TRUE.
WELL, I'VE GOT TO GET TO CRAM SCHOOL.
I'M GLAD WE COULD TALK.
TA (TUP)
LATER, OLD FRIEND.
I'LL SEE YOU AT THE NEXT REUNION.

BUT SHE DIDN'T RAISE HER HAND.
I DON'T KNOW WHETHER SHE HEARD ME OR NOT.

"HEY, OLD FRIEND."
NO MATTER HOW MANY YEARS IT WOULD BE UNTIL OUR NEXT MEETING, SOMETHING ABOUT HER RECEDING FORM MADE ME THINK SHE'D ALREADY DECIDED ON WHAT SHE'D SAY WHEN SHE SAW ME NEXT.

IN ANY CASE, THE DIRECTION I WAS TRAVELING WOULD LEAD ME TO THE DAYS IN WHICH I WOULD HAVE TO DECIDE WHAT PRESENT TO GET HARUHI.
I WASN'T SURE IF I SHOULD HURRY, OR IF I SHOULD TAKE MY TIME.
THUS DID SASAKI AND I BEGIN OUR WALKS, DOWN OPPOSITE PATHS.

AND THE NEXT TUESDAY.
HEYA THERE, KYON-KUN OL' BUDDY!
GOOD MORNING, TSURUYA-SAN.
BUN
BUN (BOUNCE)
HYOI (PEER)
TATA (TA-TUP)

LOOKING NICE AND CLEAR TODAY, EH?
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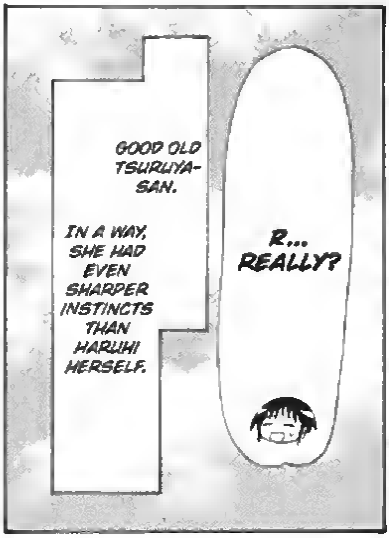
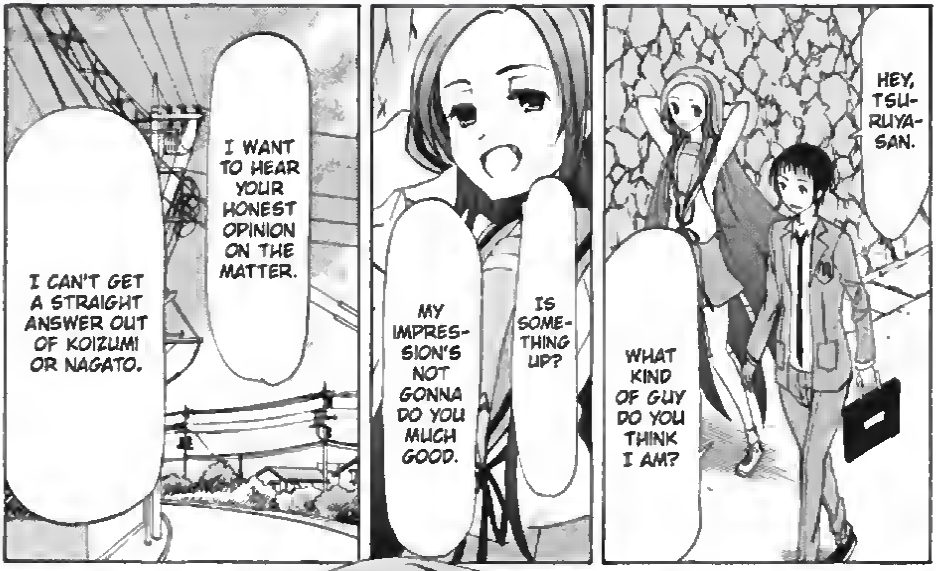
LOOKS LIKE WHATEVER WAS BUGGING YOU'S GONE FLYING AWAY!


R... REALLY?
GOOD OLD TSURUYA-SAN.
IN A WAY, SHE HAD EVEN SHARPER INSTINCTS THAN HARUHI HERSELF.


I WANT TO HEAR YOUR HONEST OPINION ON THE MATTER.
I CAN'T GET A STRAIGHT ANSWER OUT OF KOIZUMI OR NAGATO.
IS SOMETHING UP?
MY IMPRESSION'S NOT GONNA DO YOU MUCH GOOD.
HEY, TSURUYA-SAN.
WHAT KIND OF GUY DO YOU THINK I AM?

SFX: WATA (FLAIL) WATA WATA

IT'S A LITTLE EMBARRASSING HAVING TO ASK
...BUT WHEN SOMEONE DOES SAY SOMETHING, YOU ALWAYS COME BACK WITH JUST THE RIGHT RESPONSE.
YOU'RE NOT PARTICULARLY EASY TO TALK TO...

YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING A LITTLE MORE, WELL, FLATTERING?
THAT'S YOU, KYON!
BISHI (SNAP)
AND THERE AREN'T MANY PEOPLE LIKE THAT...
...WHO WILL JUST GIVE YOU A STRAIGHT ANSWER.
む (MUU) (HMM)
YOU DON'T REALLY LAUGH WHEN SOMEONE SAYS SOMETHING FUNNY.
BUT YOU ALSO DON'T GET IRRITATED WHEN SOMEONE'S BEING BORING.
YEAH... I FIGURED.
HA-HA...
BUT NOT THAT CUTE.
SAY MORE!
WHOA!
PERFECT, TSURUYA-SAN!
BOOO (STAAARE)
WELL... I GUESS YOU'RE DECENTLY CUTE.

BUT I DON'T THINK YOU'RE ON THE WRONG TRACK!
YOU JUST GOTTA TRUST IN THAT!
YOU DON'T SEEM LIKE YOU TEASE MIKURU TOO MUCH.
I'D BE TOO SCARED TO.

YOU'RE JUST LIVING OUT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL LIFE HERE...
FU FU FU.
... NORMAL AS CAN BE.
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT "NORMAL."
I WONDER ABOUT THAT.
IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S KINDA NORMAL FOR YOU NOW.

...NAGATOCCHI, AND KOIZUMI-KUN...
YOU'VE GOT HARU-NYAN AND MIKURU...
NYA HA HA HA!
I'LL BET!
I'M FED UP WITH NEW MEMBERS FOR NOW TOO.
WHAT ELSE DO YOU NEED?
NOTH-ING.

WE'RE DOING A BLOSSOM-VIEWING PARTY AT MY HOUSE AT THE END OF THE MONTH!
PI (DON'T)
WELL, I GOTTA RUN!
BYE!
PA (SPARKLE)
JUST LET ME KNOW ...
...WHEN YOU NEED THAT WEIRD TOY YOU LEFT AT MY HOUSE!
...BUT THAT SENSE OF INFERIORITY MADE ME STRANGELY HAPPY.
PROBABLY NEVER WOULD BE...
I WAS NO MATCH FOR TSURUYA-SAN.

THE SURPRISE OF HARUHI SUZUMIYA XV : END

The Melancholy of Haruhi Suzumiya